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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
N.D. OF ALABAMA

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA**

THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

V.

James J. Stricker; Daniel R. Benson;
Kasowitz, Benson, Torres &
Friedman, LLP; Donald W. Stewart
d/b/a as Donald W. Stewart, PC;
Don Barrett; The Barrett Law Firm,
PA; Charles E. Fell, Jr.; Charles L.
Cunningham, Jr.; Cunningham &
Fell, PLLC; Johnston Druhan, LLP;
Greg Cusimano; Cusimano, Keener,
Roberts & Raley, P.C; The Cody
Law Firm, PC; Monsanto Company;
Solutia, Inc.; Pharmacia Corporation;
Travelers Companies, Inc., d/b/a The
Travelers Indemnity Company;
American International Group, Inc.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.
CV-09-KOB-2423-E

**JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND BRIEFING SCHEDULE
WITH RESPECT TO MOTIONS TO DISMISS**

Comes now the Plaintiff United States, and moving Defendants Solutia, Inc., Monsanto, Inc., Pharmacia Corporation, James J. Stricker, Daniel R. Benson,

Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman, LLP, Donald W. Stewart, Charles E. Fell, Jr., Charles L. Cunningham, Jr., Cunningham & Fell, PLLC, Don Barrett, and the Barrett Law Firm, and jointly request that this Honorable Court extend the briefing schedule on the Motions to Dismiss filed by the above moving Defendants on the following grounds:

1. The federal government was shut down unexpectedly in Washington, D.C. for four days from February 8 to February 11 due to the effects of two massive snowstorms.
2. Prior to the weather-caused government shutdown, the Court ordered that the United States' responses to five motions to dismiss filed by various defendants were to be filed by February 24, 2010.
3. The United States respectfully requests that the Court extend the time for the United States to respond to allow it the same amount of time to respond as originally provided in the Court's February 3, 2010 order, or until March 2, 2010.
4. The moving Defendants therefore request a corresponding extension to reply until March 16, 2010.
5. No party will be prejudiced and the cause of justice will be served by the granting of this motion.

Dated: February 17, 2010

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